

# Headlines Or Head-lies?

## Opening Activity

### Lesson 4 - I Will Tell The Truth!

#### PURPOSE:

This opening activity will introduce the children to the lesson of the day.

#### DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will judge the truthfulness of news headlines that are read to them.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet, 4-5 numbered signs around the room, and the "Headlines Or Head-lies Headlines Lesson 4" from the Lesson Materials Folder.

*Note: The numbered signs will represent TV news channels.*

#### TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. There are many reasons to tell the truth.
2. One of them is that lying causes a lot of problems.
3. News shows have an important responsibility to tell the truth.
4. If a TV news show or a newspaper gets a reputation for not telling the truth, what do you think will happen? *(They will lose viewers. No one will listen. People will change the channel.)*
5. Today, you are going to tell the difference between some headlines. Some will be true and some will be lies.

**For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, watch the Training Video.**

*Note: Set up the signs around the room in different directions.*

#### DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. I will read two headlines from the list and tell you which channel is broadcasting which headline.
2. You will run to stand beside the channel that is telling the truth. Let's practice.
3. This just in, from Channel Four News. Dogs are good at walking.
4. This just in from Channel Eight News. Dogs are good at talking.
5. Which channel is telling the truth? *(Channel 4.)*
6. That is correct. That is the channel you would run to.
7. Let's play.

*Note: Use a cheesy "news" voice when you read the headlines. Once you have done a few examples, you could allow older children to read some of the headlines.*

#### AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. In this game, you chose to stand near the channels that were telling the truth.
2. It is very bad for a news station to get the reputation of not telling the truth.
3. They have an important job of telling people the news. If they tell lies, they can't do their job because no one will trust them. It is the same in your life.

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4. We have an important responsibility to tell people the Good News about Jesus. If we don't tell the truth, we can't do our job very well.
5. No matter who you are, bad things happen when you don't tell the truth.

### **CLOSING STATEMENT:**

Telling lies always leads to bad things. Today we are going to learn how one of Jesus' disciples lied and it caused him a lot of pain. Let's go into Large Group and learn more about it.